

July 17, 2007

Dear Federation President:

Re: 14th WKC USA Team – U.S. Team Tryout Application

As you may know, the 14th World Kendo Championships will be held in 2009 in Brazil.

In preparation for sending a Men's and Women's Team USA to the upcoming world championships, AUSKF would like to begin the selection process in 2007.

AUSKF will follow the past format of holding a regional selection process for the 1st U.S. Team Tryouts. There will be separate elimination tournaments held for the east and west coasts respectively.

The first elimination tournament for the east coast participants will be held on October 27, 2007 at the Ohio State University at South - Gym of RPAC (Bldg #246) located at: 337 W. 17th. Ave. Columbus, OH, 43210.

Federations who will be participating in the east coast elimination tournament are: AEUSKF, EUSKF, ECUSKF, GNEUSKF, MWKF, SEUSKF

The first elimination tournament for the west coast participants will be held on November 4, 2007 at Cabrillo High School located at: 2001 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810.

Federations included in the west coast elimination tournament are: NCKF, CCKF, SCKF, SCKO, SWKIF, RMKIF, SUSKIF, PNKF

At the present time, we would like to invite all qualifying members of your federation interested in trying out for the team to apply for the Team USA selection process.

Prospective candidates who are interested in trying out for Team USA must meet **ALL** of the qualifications listed below:

1. Must have obtained the rank of 1 Dan or higher in the AUSKF or organization whose rank is recognized by the AUSKF (i.e. FIK, AJKF, etc.) as of October 27, 2007
2. Must be 16 Years or older as of October 27, 2007.
3. Must be a U.S. Citizen and able to provide proof of citizenship
4. Must be an AUSKF member in good standing

Additionally, candidates should also take into consideration of their own mental and physical health to ensure that they are well enough to withstand the vigor of traveling, training, and competing at a world class level.

Please ask members within your respective federation to see if there are candidates interested in trying out. For those who are interested, please have them complete and submit to you an application form, \$50.00 registration fee and a copy of their proof of rank, age, and citizenship.

All 13 WKC U.S. Team Members (male & female) who wish to try out for the 14 WKC Team must also submit an application form and supporting documentation. All returning members who apply will automatically be selected for participation in the second elimination to be held at a later date.

NOTE – It is not mandatory for current team members to be present at the first tryout, but they are naturally invited and encouraged to attend.

All applications and supporting documents should be returned to me at the following address:

Koki Ariga
223 S. Plum St.
Troy, OH 45373

The deadline to submit applications shall be September 7, 2007

The AUSKF reserves the right to refuse entry into the U.S. Team selection process those who do not meet this deadline.

After the deadline has past and all applications received and reviewed, AUSKF will send more detailed information about the Team Tryouts, such as elimination tournament format, confirmed date/time/location, and hotel information.

Should you have any questions related to the U.S. Team selection process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Koki Ariga
VP of Competition
AUSKF

APPLICATION FOR 14 WKC TEAM USA TRYOUTS

All Candidates interested in trying out for AUSKF Men's or Women's Team USA must complete an application form*.

[*Including 13 WKC Team USA Members who wish to try out for 14 WKC].

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Federation/Affiliation: _____

Rank: _____

Date of Birth: _____

- **13 WKC Team USA Members Only** -

Check Here: _____

ALL CANDIDATES!!!!

Please be sure to include along with this application form:

- 1. Registration check**
- 2. Proof of age**
- 3. Proof of Rank (Menjo)**
- 4. Proof of Citizenship**